

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 194597
ORIGIN AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NASA-01 OES-09 L-03 DODE-00 PM-05
SS-15 SP-02 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00
INRE-00 /056 R

DRAFTED BY AF/E:KHSMITH:KHS

APPROVED BY AF/E:GRBEYER

NASA/GG:HKUPPERMAN

NASA/TN:CATALOR

NASA/LI-15:NTERRELL

NASA/LI-17:BGARNER

-----049196 021607Z /64

O 021544Z AUG 78 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO NIACI IMMEDIATE

CONFIDENTIAL STATE 194597

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:TSPA, MA, US

SUBJECT: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. LIST OF ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY, REPEAT MAY,
BE LEFT IN MADAGASCAR UPON COMPLETION OF SETTLEMENT OF
ISSUE HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY NASA AND DOD.

2. NASA FEELS THAT EXPOSURE OF SPECIFIC LIST TO
SOLOFOSON AT THIS TIME COULD INDICATE A WEAKENING OF USG
POSITION TO GDRM, AND COULD BE VIEWED BY THE GDRM AS OVER-
EAGERNESS ON THE PART OF THE USG TO SETTLE THE ISSUE.

3. THEREFORE, NASA PREFERS TO WITHHOLD LISTING OF
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AT THIS TIME.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 194597

4. HOWEVER, IN MEETING WITH SOLOFOSON, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED
TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE USG WOULD LIKE TO REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS TO NORMAL-
IZATION OF RELATIONS. WE WOULD LIKE TO SETTLE THIS ISSUE,
THEREFORE, AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND WE HOPE THE
GDRM IS OF THE SAME VIEW.

B. AS YOU WILL RECALL FROM MY AIDE MEMOIRE OF DECEMBER

1977, WE ARE WILLING TO MAKE A GOODWILL PAYMENT OF UP TO \$200,000, IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS AS STATED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE ARE MET. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE LONGER A DECISION ON THIS MATTER IS POSTPONED, THE MORE THE EQUIPMENT WILL CONTINUE TO DETERIORATE. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GDRM TO ALLOW A SURVEY TEAM TO INSPECT THE EQUIPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BECAUSE THE BETTER THE CONDITION OF THE EQUIPMENT, THE HIGHER WILL BE THE GOOD-WILL PAYMENT.

C. WE ASSUME THAT ONCE AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED, WE COULD QUICKLY PACK AND SHIP THAT EQUIPMENT IT IS AGREED WE WOULD REMOVE, AND THE REMAINDER WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THE GDRM.

D. ONCE THE SURVEY TEAM HAS MADE ITS INSPECTION, IF THAT INSPECTION CAN BE ARRANGED SOON, I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDING THE TRANSFER OF A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE STATION TO THE GDRM. THIS EQUIPMENT WOULD THEN BE AVAILABLE TO THE MALAGASY SCIENTIFIC AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES. THE EQUIPMENT IN THE STATION COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE SOONER A DECISION CAN BE REACHED,

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 194597

THEREFORE, THE GREATER WILL BE THE VALUE OF THE EQUIPMENT TURNED OVER TO THE GDRM.

E. WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND A SURVEY TEAM TO MAKE ITS INSPECTION WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH. WE ARE ONLY AWAITING THE DECISION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

5. FYI: THE TOTAL AQUISITION VALUE OF THE MATERIAL WHICH NASA PLANS TO LEAVE ON THE SITE IS \$13,895,000.00 IN BOTH REAL PROPERTY AND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS NASA WILLING TO TOTALLY ABANDON STATION EQUIPMENT WITHOUT PRESSING A CLAIM ON THE GDRM. END FYI.

VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 aug 1978
Decapton Date: 01 jan 1960
Decapton Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE194597
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: KHSMITH:KHS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780316-0395
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197808106/aaaadldc.tel
Line Count: 108
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 12fb8a58-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1558721
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: TSPA, MA, US
To: ANTANANARIVO
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/12fb8a58-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014